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SUBJECT: JAPANESE CANDIDACY FOR ECOSOC

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR KURIYAMA CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (IO) MOREY OCTOBER 9 TO LEAVE AIDE-MEMOIRE REITERATING JAPAN'S REQUEST FOR U.S. SUPPORT FOR ITS CANDIDACY FOR REELECTION TO ECOSOC -- FOLLOWING UP EMBASSY'S NOTE OF LAST JULY. GOJ REPORTS THERE ARE NOW NINE CANDIDATES FOR FOUR ASIAN SEATS BEING VACATED: JAPAN, PRC, INDIA AND PAKISTAN (ALL FOR REELECTION) PLUS PHILIPPINES, AFGHANISTAN, NORTH YEMEN, LEBANON AND CYPRUS (SIC), WITH POSSIBILITY LEBANON MAY WITHDRAW IN FAVOR OF NORTH YEMEN. (WE KNOW ONLY OF FIRST SIX LISTED.) GOJ BELIEVES THERE IS LIKELIHOOD ASIAN GROUP WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AGREE ON CUSTOMARY ENDORSEMENT.

2. MOREY REPLIED THAT FAILURE TO AGREE ON ENDORSEMENT WOULD INDEED PRESENT US WITH NEW SITUATION, BUT THAT WHILE THERE WAS STILL SOME POSSIBILITY OF ASIAN GROUP

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AGREEMENT AND UNTIL WE HAD SOME WORD THAT ASIAN GROUP

HAD IN FACT AGREED TO DISAGREE, WE WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW OUR USUAL PRACTICE -- INDICATED IN OUR RESPONSE LAST JULY -- OF DEFERRING OUR POSITION UNTIL PREFERENCES OF REGIONAL GROUP HAVE BEEN INDICATED. HE ASKED KURIYAMA TO LET US KNOW WHEN HE HAD FURTHER WORD ON ASIAN GROUP DECISION ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. MOREY SAID WE WOULD ALSO KEEP IN

TOUCH WITH OUR MISSION ON DEVELOPMENTS AND WOULD LET KURIYAMA KNOW. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION MOREY ACKNOWLEDGED JAPAN'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN UN; MENTIONED OUR SUPPORT FOR JAPAN'S CANDIDACY FOR SECURITY COUNCIL, WHICH HAD ASIAN GROUP ENDORSEMENT; AND INDICATED THAT, IF THINGS WORKED OUT IN FAVOR OF JAPAN'S REELECTION TO ECOSOC, WE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THEM.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: USUN PLEASE KEEP ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ASIAN GROUP AND REPORT ANY DECISION OR ENDORSEMENTS OR AGREEMENT TO DISAGREE. INGERSOLL

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